

WANTED TO EXCHANGE GOODS

—FOR—
100,000
BUSHEL OF CORN!

Will pay **TWO CENTS A BUSHEL** more than the Highest Market Price paid by any shipper, in

CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS,
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,
JEANS, FLANNELS, YARNS, &C.,

AT LOWEST CASH PRICES,

Corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co.'s mill, Decatur, Ill.

—IN OUR— Merchant Tailoring Department!

Will be found the first arrival of new and stylish Cloths and Cassimeres, Vestings and Overcoatings. Suits or single garments made to order on short notice and fit guaranteed. Two first-class cutters are constantly employed.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Ho! for CHICAGO

Before leaving for the above City, I have concluded to sell my

ENTIRE STOCK
WITHIN 10 DAYS,

Regardless of Cost!

—AT—
PUBLIC SALE,

Tuesday November 26th,

At 10 O'Clock A. M.
The Sale will continue from day to day until the entire Stock, amounting to

\$30,000 in Dry Goods
IS SOLD.

S. EINSTEIN.

C. A. MINCKLEY, Auctioneer.

FOR CASH.

KEELER,

THE HATTER,

Will sell his entire line of

Gents' Underwear, White Shirts,

BUCK AND DOGSKIN GLOVES,

HOSIERY, SUSPENDERS,

LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS,

LINEN AND SILK HOSKES,

NECK WEAR, &C.

IN FACT EVERYTHING EXCEPT:

HATS AND CAPS!

At a Large Reduction for CASH. I propose making a change in my business February 1st, 1879, and will sell my entire line of Furnishing Goods accordingly.

S. T. KEELER,
No. 13 East Main Street.

CHINAMEN TAKING AN OATH.

In the County Court the trial of the People against Ah Chee and Ah Quong, indicted for robbing a China woman of jewelry and other valuables was begun to-day, the parties to the suit being all Mongolians by the most binding Chinese form. As the ceremony consisted of sacrifices both of fire and blood it was found necessary to adjourn to the sidewalk in front of the Court House. A chicken and the necessary joss sticks or wooden tapers were procured and the latter stuck in the ground and lighted. While they were burning, the prosecuting witness, (the woman who has been robbed) held an animated consultation with the Rev. Mr. Nevin, court interpreter, after which two wax tapers were lighted, and after being brought in contact with the neck of the chicken, were stuck in the ground. Now began the serious business. A formidable piece of yellow paper, covered with Chinese characters, was brought out and handed to Mr. Nevin, who declined to receive it saying in English that if he or any white man read it the ceremony would lose much of its force, as the witnesses would claim that they had not understood him. The document was tendered to several Chinamen, all of whom refused to read it, one saying in good English that he would not read the paper for a hundred thousand dollars. Finally a Chinaman was found brave enough to undertake the office. He read the dread formula first to the woman, who repeated it as he read. At its conclusion a large bundle of paper, previously prepared, was lighted, over which the woman stepped a couple of times, and then took possession of the chicken and the sacrificial knife, a cleaver-shaped implement which had lain by the side of the fire during the reading of the oath. The male witnesses were then arranged in front of the fire, the oath was again read, each repeating it after the reader, who, after he had finished reading it, threw it on the fire. The Chinamen then, one by one, stepped over the fire, the head of the chicken was chopped off by the woman, and the sacrifice was accomplished. We made an effort to get a translation of the oath, but were unsuccessful.—*Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald.*

Something for the New Year.

The world-renowned success of Hostetter's Bitters, and their continued popularity for a quarter of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by Hostetter & Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing 80 hands in that department. Ten cylinder printing presses, eight folding machines, five job presses, etc., are running about eleven months in the year on this work, and the issue of same for 1879 will not be less than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, etc., which can be depended on for correction. The Almanac for 1879 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Whatever name or designation is given to cause of Fever and Ague, or other intermittent disease, it is always malaria. Eliminate that from the system, and a sure cure is the immediate result. The safest, surest, most efficient, and at the same time perfectly harmless preparation for producing this happy effect, is CHERRY'S FEVER-EXPELLER. It represents, in their utmost purity and free from all irritating properties, the immediate principles of the East India Chamberlain bark, as grown on the Neilgerry hills. It is the most powerful antidote to malarial influence, and yet as harmless as water.

J. C. RICHARDSON, Prop'r, St. Louis.
For sale by all druggists.
Dec. 15-d&w1p

"I DREAM IT MY DUTY"

TO TELL THE WORLD what "Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry" has done for me. I had a violent cough, night sweats, sore throat, great weakness, with severe attacks of hemorrhage; gave up all hope of recovery. I am now cured, a sound and hearty man. Edward H. Hanson, engineer at Sweeney's Pottery, 1224 Michigan avenue, Philadelphia. Over twenty-five years have elapsed, and I still remain a healthy man. Any one troubled with a cough or cold, throat, breast, or lung affection, will avoid much suffering and risk by using "Dr. Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry," an old and well-tried remedy. Trial bottles 25 cents, large bottles \$1. Sold by leading druggists. Prepared only by Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia.
April 26, 1878-dw1p

Pianos and Organs.—"O my, what a beauty!" remarked a lady to her companion as she was passing Locke's Music Parlor yesterday, where he was unboxing one of those magnificent *Colinet Grand Upright Pianos*, finished with ebony and gold. (She meant the piano, not Locke.)

Ladies' Working Baskets on stands, and without, and other fancy willow ware goods, for presents, you can get at
Dec. 15-d&w1p
Goldburg's.

Coal! Coal!!—Orders left at the "Furniture Salesroom," Water street, will be promptly attended to.
J. H. VERNERHOLZ
Dec. 17-dw1p

J. HUNTER MILLIKIN,

COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Office and warehouse, corner Main and State streets, Decatur, Ill. Consignments solicited. All kinds of property stored at reasonable rates. References—J. Millikin & Co., bankers; H. W. Waggoner, County Clerk; A. T. Hill, President First National Bank; Jno. Ulrich, wholesale grocer.
Nov. 15, 1878-d&w 2 mos.

Shawls.—Very cheap, at Linn & Scruggs.
Loans.—Private funds on farm lands.
Nov. 30-d&w1p. J. M. CLOKEY.

The Best and cheapest White Shirts in the city, at Linn & Scruggs.
Nov. 23-d&w1p

Men's and children's suits, all prices and latest styles, at
dec2d&w1p] ELLIOTT & ANDERSON'S.
Try a sack of Shellabarger's "White Load"—new patent process flour.
Dec. 18-d&w1p

Assignee's Sale.

THE undersigned, assignee of David M. Lewis, bankrupt, will sell at public vendue at the residence of said bankrupt, 4 miles northwest of Decatur, on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1879, the following described property, to-wit: One Thomas Smoothing Harrow, 1 Corn Sheller, 2 three-horse Plows, 2 Cultivators, 1 four-horse Plow, 5 sets of Harrows, 25 bushels of Oats, 5 Road Scrapers, 1 Straw Cutter, 1 Milch Cow, 2 Work Horses, 2 Jennets with Collars, 4 Fat Hogs, 11 Sheep, 194 cords of wood, and 123 cords of corn in field—corn to be sold in two-acre lots.
THOMAS OF SALE—Cash. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. JAMES D. TAYLOR, Assignee.
Dec. 25-dw1p

CAUTION.

CONTRACTING OR BUYING ICE FROM Robert H. Martin, now living in one of my tenement houses on the Riverside Farm, is forbidden by me, he having no authority whatsoever from me to engage in it. All contracts, to be valid, must be made with me, or W. M. French, whom I authorize to act for me in this matter—all others are void; and parties making them must be answerable to me for a breach of this notice.
D. L. ALLEN,
Box 15, Decatur, Ill.
Dec. 23-dw1p

THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY!

GRAY'S SPECIFIC MEDICINE

TRADE MARK. Is especially recommended as an infallible cure for RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, MIGRAINE, and all diseases that follow as a consequence of cold or exposure to wet weather.

Before Taking, Rub on a Little After Taking, of MEMORY, UNIVERSAL LAMITUDE, PAIN IN THE BACK, DIZZINESS OF VISION, PREMATURE OLD AGE, and many other diseases that lead to Insanity, Consumption and a Premature Grave, all of which as a rule are first caused by deviating from the path of nature and over-indulgence. The Specific Medicine is the result of a life study, and many years of experience in treating these special diseases. Full particulars in our pamphlets, which we desire to send free by mail to every one. The Specific Medicine is sold by all Druggists at 25¢ per package, or six packages for \$1.50, or will be sent by mail on receipt of the money by address.

THE GRAY MEDICINE CO.,
No. 10 Mechanics Block, Detroit, Mich.
Sold in Decatur, Illinois, at DR. A. J. STUBBS'S Drug Store, and by druggists everywhere.
VAN SCHAECK, STEVENSON & CO.,
CHICAGO, WHOLESALE AGENTS.
July 4, 1878-d&w1p

ATTEND!!!

LAMBERT & CO'S

GREAT MARK DOWN SALE

—OF—

DRY GOODS

—AND—

NOTIONS!

WE SHALL still continue to make it to the interest of all cash buyers to give us their patronage.

Our business is conducted by the strictest rules of FAIR DEALING; we endeavor to make our store as RELIABLE as a child may buy (goods of us as well as the best posted man or woman).

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CREDIT SYSTEM.

WE SELL ALL GOODS at the smallest possible advance over cost; experience having taught that it is more profitable to sell a large amount of Goods at a small profit, than to sell a small amount at a large profit.

THE LARGEST CROWDS this popular sale has drawn to our store, and the steady increase of our trade, enables us to continue the LOWEST PRICES ON DRY GOODS IN DECATUR.

Not a Dollar's Worth of Old Stock!

It is ALL NEW, FRESH, AND DESIRABLE. Save money by buying all your Dry Goods at

LAMBERT & COMPANY'S

"Popular New York Store,"

18 Merchant St., Decatur, Ill.

Dec. 23-d&w1p

CLOSING OUT!

Having concluded to make a change in my business, I have determined to

CLOSE OUT

My Large and Well Selected Stock of

STOVES

—AND—

HARDWARE!

—AT—

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Call Soon and Secure Bargains.

All persons indebted to me will please call and settle and save cost.

R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Nov. 27, 1878-d&w1p

Financial Pressure!

THROUGH FINANCIAL PRESSURE I AM compelled to offer my entire stock of

CLOCKS,

—AND—

WATCHES

—AND—

JEWELRY,

—AT A—

Great Sacrifice!

ELGIN, SPRINGFIELD AND WALTHAM WATCHES, IN GOLD AND SILVER CASES, for \$10.00 EACH, and other goods in proportion. CLOCKS Lower than the manufacturers' prices.

—I WILL—

Sacrifice \$500.00

on my entire stock to any one who means business and will take the whole lot.

H. POST,

No. 18 WATER ST.,

Dec. 4-d&w DECATUR, ILL.

None Such.—All the latest charming, unique and attractive styles of Ladies' Silppers, at Ferrie's. 1 Oct 1-d&w1p

NEW LOCATION.
NEW STORE!
AND ANY QUANTITY OF NEW
Holiday Goods!
The Grandest Display in the City,
—AND—
BIG BARGAINS.
Come and see for yourselves. We extend a general invitation to everybody, whether you want to buy or not.
J. M. STOOKEY & CO.,
NO. 12 MERCHANT ST.,
Three doors North of Heilman's grocery store.
Dec. 11-d&w1p

CHERRY

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MERRY

WESTERN Cottage

PRESCOTT.

I have about SIXTY

WESTERN COTTAGE

and **PRESCOTT OR-**

GANS in stock and with

my Agents; extra induc-

ements will be offered during

the Holidays, and lower

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C. B. PRESCOTT,

Post Office Block, Decatur, Ill.

THE NEW WHITE!

The most Handsome, Best Constructed Sewing Machine, BUT 72 PAGES IN THE WHOLE MACHINE. Every machine warranted for three years. Take all the

Singer, Victor,

DAUNTLESS, and NEW AMERICAN.

Call in and try them all and select the one you like best. A full stock of

Supplies & Attachments,

FOR ALL KINDS OF MACHINES.

SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED.

GEO. P. BLUME,

Opposite the Postoffice, Decatur.

Nov. 26, 1878-d&w1p

IN BANKRUPTCY—NO. 2260.

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois.

In the matter of Julius H. Venniger, bankrupt.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in said court by said Julius H. Venniger, of Decatur, in the county of Macon, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 3d, 1867, and the amendments thereto, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims payable under said act, and that the 25th day of January, A. D. 1879, at eleven o'clock A. M., is assigned for the hearing of the same by the said court, at the United States Court, down in the city of Springfield, when and where all creditors of said bankrupt, and all other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted. GEO. P. BOWEN, Clerk.

W. C. JONES, Attorney for Petitioner.
Dated at Springfield, Dec. 19th, 1878.
Dec. 30-d&w

DECATUR

Vinegar Factory!

WE NOW MANUFACTURE AND HAVE for sale

Pure Cider and White Wine Vinegar

FOR THE TRADE.

We pay Cash for Hard Cider and fallen apples delivered at our factory opposite our brewery on South Broadway, Decatur, Illinois.

Harpstite & Schaudeman.
May 6-dw

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, Milton G. Warren and Victoria B. Warren, of the county of Macon, State of Illinois, by their certain trust deed bearing date December 1st, 1878, and recorded in the Record of Official Maps and Conveyances, in book 26, page 12, did convey to William B. Nelson, trustee, the following described premises situate in the county of Macon, State of Illinois, to-wit: The south half of the northeast quarter of section six (6), township thirteen (13) north, range two (2) east of the third principal meridian, to secure the payment of one principal note for the sum of two thousand dollars, executed by said Milton G. Warren, payable to Charles F. Emery, of said county, after the date thereof, with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and interest being secured by interest coupons;

And whereas, it is provided in and by said deed of trust that in case of default in the payment of said principal note or coupon interest or any part thereof, then on application of the legal holder of said note it should be lawful for said trustee to sell and dispose of said premises at public auction at the front door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, county of Macon and State of Illinois, to the highest bidder for cash, and out of the proceeds of said sale, after paying all costs incurred, to pay the amount due upon said note with the interest accrued thereon; and whereas, the said principal note became and is now due and payable on the first day of December, A. D. 1878, and now remains wholly unpaid;

And whereas, the said note and interest with the holder of said note, has made application to the undersigned and requested him to sell said premises under the power contained in said deed of trust;

Now therefore, public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of said deed of trust, A. D. 1878, the undersigned, will, on Friday, the

TENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1879,

at eleven o'clock A. M., at the west outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, sell and dispose of the above described premises, and all of the right, title and equity of redemption of said Julius G. Warren and Victoria B. Warren, their heirs and assigns, thereon at public auction, for sale to the highest bidder for cash.

WILLIAM B. NELSON, Trustee.
December 24th, 1878-d&w1p

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TELEGRAPHIC.

A BOSTON CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

IN WHICH A WIFE IS KILLED BY HER HUSBAND.

WASHINGTON WHISPERS.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Some time during Tuesday evening a most horrible crime was committed at 83 Sudbury street in this city, in which two persons, a man and his wife, met their death. This morning, while Superintendent of Police Adams was at his office at the City Hall, two gentlemen, named Chas. G. and Albert F. Wilson, entered and stated that their father, Kara Wilson, had shot his wife and then committed suicide, at his store, 83 Sudbury street, and that the bodies were lying there. A detail of police was sent to investigate the case, and upon arriving at the store they found the two sons awaiting them, and all entered, when, upon proceeding to the rear of the store a horrible sight met their gaze. On the floor, lying opposite the center door and to the left of the other entrance, was Mrs. Wilson. Further back, between two marble-topped tables used for rolling candy, lay Mr. Wilson in a pool of blood. Both man and wife were dead. The bodies were taken to the Morgue this afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon, being previous to a holiday, business was brisk and considerable confectionery was made. Chas. G. Wilson and his wife were in the rear room, which is used as a work-shop, when about 5 o'clock a lady entered the front room and Charles said he thought that she was his father's wife. Soon after he went into the rear room, and in an excited tone said, "I want you to go home as soon as possible; don't wait, but go now." Charles said, "Father, we are going to have a Christmas tree at the house to-night and we want you to come, as we have lots of presents for you." Wilson replied, "No," and urged that they leave at once, which they did, supposing their father had some important business to transact, and knowing his excitable nature thought best to do as they were bid. They heard Mrs. Wilson remark to her husband that she must take the 6:40 train, and as she leaves at that time for Lawrence it is thought that she contemplated passing Christmas at that place. This was the last seen of Mr. Wilson, when both were found stiff and cold in death's embrace this morning. The motive for this vile deed can only be attributed to the age of Mr. Wilson and to the hallucination that his wife was not as true to him as she should have been. It also appears that a well-known physician is somewhat implicated as it is ascertained that the old man visited him often. She advised him in regard to his affairs. Mr. Wilson was from Lawrence, about sixty years of age, highly respected and doing a good business. Mrs. Wilson was a native of Foxcroft, Maine, and was a pure, noble-minded woman, devotedly attached to her husband, whose only fault was his doubts of her constancy.

TEMPERANCE.

AN EXCELLENT PARALLEL.

The Hoopeson Chronicle presents the following illustration of the hard road newspapers have to travel in a business way, and we trust the parallel drawn may be recognized by every patron of the REPUBLICAN who is behind in the payment of his subscription:

We suppose that many people think that newspaper men are persistent duns; let a farmer place himself in a similar business position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raised one thousand bushels of wheat, and his neighbor could come in and buy a bushel, and the price was a small matter of only two dollars or less, and the neighbor says, "I will hand you the amount in a few days." As the farmer does not want to appear small about the matter, he says all right, and the man leaves with the wheat. Another comes in the same way until the whole of the one thousand bushels of wheat are trusted out to one thousand different persons, and not one of the purchasers concerns himself about it, for it is a small amount that he owes the farmer, and of course that would not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has frittered away all his large crop of wheat, and that its value is due him in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business because his debtors treat it as a little matter. But if they would pay him promptly, which they could do as well as not, it would be a very large amount to the farmer, and enable him to carry on his business without difficulty. The above comparison is too true of the difficulties that the newspaper man has to contend with.

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CHRISTMAS BEEF.

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Dec. 23-dtf

TABERNACLE.

Grand Entertainment Friday Eve., December 27th.

The great thrilling temperance and sensational play in five acts and seven tableaux, entitled "The Drunkard's Home," under the immediate supervision of Prof. Wm. V. Malmberg and lady, of St. Louis, will be produced Friday evening, Dec. 27th, embracing the following well-known ladies and gentlemen of Decatur: H. C. Hartley, of Quincy; R. L. Evans, Theo. Nelson, I. D. Walker, J. H. McDonald, W. C. Bullard, P. R. Williams, E. C. McDonald, J. B. McDonald, Jr., Nettie Mullars, Miss Lou Henkle, Mrs. Emma Malmberg. Admission, 25 cents; children, 10 cents. (dec23-dtf)

Silk Handkerchiefs, Ties, Bows, Hosiery, Cuffs and Collars, in sets, and without sets, and lace sets, all fresh new goods, the latest styles, a suitable and useful present, you can find the largest stock at the lowest prices at Gorman's.

Dec. 18-dwlt

Beautiful presents, such as cameo sets for ladies and misses, cameo cuff buttons and rings of all sizes, at W. W. Scudder's, Merchant street. (dec23-dtf)

The finest line of gent's underwear in the city, at Elliott & Anderson's. Dec23-dtf

Men's, boys' and youths' overcoats—best in the market—at Elliott & Anderson's. (dec23-dtf)

If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHERIDAN'S. Dec. 18-dwlt

More bargains in holiday goods, at J. M. Stookey & Co's. Don't fail to look in there before purchasing. dec20-dtf

An Elegant Assortment of fine all-wool Scotch Cassimere Suits, for young men's wear, at B. STINE'S, Oct. 3-dtf The Boss Clothier.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Or any Other Days.

ROGER'S Silver Plated Casters,

PICKLE JARS, single and double; KNIVES and FORKS, triple plate; CARD RECEIVERS; SILVER MOUNTED FRUIT BOWLS;

A new article of solid silver nickel and silver-plated SPOONS and FORKS—very durable; BRONZE and CHINA CARD RECEIVERS; CHINA MUSTACHE CUPS; MOTO CUPS and SAUCERS; A great variety of CHINA, METAL, and other FANCY GOODS;

TOYS!

In wood, metal, glass, china, and composition.

DOLLS!

All sizes—china and wax; A Job lot of large WAX DOLLS, at half price;

SLEDS AND WAGONS

CRADLES, BEDSTEADS, Girls' ROCKERS, BOYS' ROCKING HORSES; WORK BASKETS, CARD BASKETS, and BASKETS for almost all uses;

SKATES!

Children's KNIVES and FORKS; Elegant BRONZE TABLE LAMPS, half price; And hundreds of other ornamental and useful articles that for want of space in the columns of this paper I cannot mention.

ONE WORD MORE—I am determined to reduce my Immense Stock of Goods, and will sell without regard to profit. You can have bargains by buying of

R. LIDDLE, Court House Block.

Dec. 18-dwlt

CLOAKS, Dolmans, Ulsters, Single Shawls Double Beaver "Velvet" Balmoral Skirts, Felt Skirts, Water Proofs, Ulster Cloth, Circular "Ladies" Plain Beaver, Rough "

CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. BRUCKWAY as a candidate for City Marshal at the coming municipal election.

ADDITIONAL local news on second page.

The first sleighing we have had for several years.

ALSO religious service at the First M. E. church this evening.

More new bargains daily, at J. M. Stookey & Co's.

EVERYBODY, look at Barber & Baker's supplies.

Sunday was the rule yesterday, though a few chaps got "too full" for utterance or straight walking.

The FAY OYSTERS, every style, 25 cents, at "MAYNARD'S."

YOUNG MEN, are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see.

1878-1879.

Re-cutting is being pushed with all the force of hands that can be obtained, and the harvest will be mostly gathered this week if the weather continues cool.

RECKONING, the place to buy slippers is at Barber & Baker's.

REMEMBER the large stock of Organs at C. B. Prescott's is selling so cheap.

Nov. 23 d&wtf

This colored Baptist congregation will repeat their sociable and festival at the grand jury room this evening. Admission including supper, 10 cents. The public cordially invited.

C. B. Prescott's is the place to buy a fine Piano or Organ for a Christmas present.

dec 24d&wtf

SULLIVAN'S patent process flour sells one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

dec 18 d&wtf

WHERE are all the fellows who intend to run for office at the coming city election? This is to admonish them that if they don't announce soon they are sure to be beaten.

A HOUSE to rent on Cerro Gordo street, near Pratt's store. Enquire of E. B. Pratt, North Church st.

Nov. 23 d&wtf

AMONG the numerous presents received for Christmas, 1878, is a fine gold watch presented to Wm. Hasbrouck, the efficient switchman, at the "target," St. Louis junction. We learn that he is also the recipient of many other presents.

THREE was a fair attendance at the 1st M. E. church last night and an excellent meeting was had. There will be preaching there again to-night at 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

THE National Printing Co., of Chicago, are getting out the finest printing for the Hays Sisters ever done at any office in this country. With their new opera bouffe "Tine" and a company of 16, including Billy Kerns, the great comedian, they are drawing the biggest houses of any troupe in the land. They are to be here January 10th.

FOUND On East Main street, a bunch of keys, which the owner can have by paying for this notice.

LOST—Any one having found a white felt hat Christmas eve, and wishing to restore it to its owner, can do so by handing it to Dr. Barnstead. 16

SPELLING MATCH.—The closing exercises in one of the primary departments at the high school building on Friday last, was a spirited spelling match, in which six of the "little folks" carried off the palm, namely: Charles Watson, Lizzie Knepper, Nannie Ferriss, Nellie Hubbard, Alice Judson and Ada Zimmerman.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF PARALYSIS.—On Tuesday evening about five o'clock Mr. W. R. Cummings, who lives at No. 98 North Main street, went to his wood yard in the rear of his house to prepare some kindling wood, and, as he was absent from the house longer than his wife thought he ought to be, she went to look for him, and found him lying by the woodpile in a helpless condition, and unable to walk, he seemed to be conscious, and raised his right hand towards his wife for assistance. Help was at once called, and he was removed into the house and medical assistance summoned. The attending physician declared it a case of paralysis of the left side. Mr. C. now lies in a critical condition at his home, with but little prospect of recovery.

A CHRISTMAS MATINEE.—Last evening an Irishman and his wife, who live near the Central depot, celebrated Christmas with a regular family row, in which the wife had her head considerably bruised, from the effects of which she was obliged to take her bed. The police lodged the man in the calaboose, and we presume he will be taken before some justice this afternoon to answer for his misdoings.

Oyster Stews, Selects, per dozen, 25c.

Fry's, Rawlows, Big Cat, per doz., 25c.

Rawlows, Radde's Books, 25c.

Oysters on the Half Shell, Big Cat, per doz., 30c, at the OYSTER BAR.

Dec. 24-24d

Headquarters for Christmas Candles is at MILLER'S New Confectionery.

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Special Notice.—All persons holding certificates of membership in the Pioneer Relief Association are requested to meet at the office on Friday Eve., Dec 27th, to take action towards the organization of the Decatur subdivision. By order of the committee.

dec 26-26

Attention, No. 2.—There will be a special meeting of Home Co. No. 2, at Neptune house house, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Per order of the

FAMILY.

CHRISTMAS 1878.

DECATUR DOINGS FROM FIRST TO LAST.

Christmas Tree and Various Other Festivities.

In no previous year has more interest been manifested in this city in the observance of Christmas than has been evinced the present season. As will be seen below, several of our Sunday schools and churches provided for entertainments of an elaborate and attractive character, which not only edified and pleased spectators but afforded much real enjoyment to the children of the respective schools. In the matter of Christmas gifts from friend to friend, from parents to children, and from children to parents, perhaps no previous year has shown a more generous outlay of means in this direction, and the firesides of our people were generally scenes of festivity and good cheer. We are also glad to record the passing of the day without serious accident to any one, though some of the houses of our people were made sad by the presence of death. These families have the sympathy of the more highly favored.

Of the festivities of Christmas eve, day and night, we speak below as much at length as our columns will permit, giving them as nearly as may be in the order in which they occurred.

SANTA CLAUS AND THE FAIRIES.

The ladies and gentlemen of St. John's Episcopal Church arranged a very pretty surprise for the children at Powers' Hall on Christmas eve. A large Christmas tree hung with a great variety of presents for young and old, was placed in the center of the hall, and lighted up with wax tapers. By eight o'clock the hall was well filled with ladies and gentlemen and children, when they formed in procession and marched around the room, while St. John's choir (Messrs. L. L. Ferriss, C. B. Prescott, Dr. Barnstead, H. H. Bishop, and Misses Maud Burrows and Eva Dunn) sang "Gather around the Christmas Tree," the children joining in the chorus. At the conclusion of this song "Santa Claus," (Chas. Corns), in Arctic attire, wearing a bag, white beard, seated in a sleigh, was drawn into the room by four beautiful fairies, personated by the little Misses Edith Ferriss, Laura Montgomery, Lizzie Knepper and Grace Blum. The presents were then distributed among the children by "Santa Claus," whose liberal generosity will long be remembered by his little bright-eyed friends. The exercises closed with a sociable.

SANTA CLAUS DOWN A CHIMNEY.

The Universalist Church was well filled Tuesday evening to witness the Christmas Eve exercises and see Santa Claus come down the chimney. The children of the Sunday school were there in full force and the little ones as well as those of larger growth participated in the recital of appropriate selections and the singing of songs and choruses, led by D. L. Bunn the superintendent. Following the literary exercises came "Santa Claus" (P. B. Tait) down a chimney, and after relieving his burdened form of loads of presents the gifts were distributed among the children, many of the "old folks" being kindly remembered by the pleasant old gentleman with the long white beard. The exercises were of a very interesting character and the visit of old Santa Claus was a pleasing finale of the programme.

NO. 35 HALL.

There was a very big crowd out at the firemen's hall in Breckenman's hall, Christmas Eve, and all had a royal good time. Supper was had at Martin's, Deizer's, and Wood's. The affair netted the boys about \$10.

CHRISTMAS TAKES.

The little children and children of a larger growth, gathered at Stapp's Chapel on Christmas Eve, and were entertained by choice literary exercises and music, when presents of every kind were clipped from the big tree and distributed among the expectant ones.

The children of the German Lutheran Church, on West Wood street, were made glad on Christmas Eve by a Christmas Tree, loaded with all manner of good things.

At the United Brethren Church Christmas Eve the Sabbath School children were well represented. Appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Chittenden and Elder Fields, and others, followed by vocal music. Then came the presents, and all were remembered.

The children of the Bethel (Church of God) Sunday School engaged in an interesting literary exercise on Christmas Eve, after which all partook of an elegant supper, prepared by the ladies of the congregation.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

For some time past the adults and children of the Presbyterian Sunday School have been engaged in preparing an entertainment to be given at the tabernacle on Christmas night, consisting of a series of tableaux representing Scripture history, and the prominent incidents recorded in the Old Testament connected with the Jewish people, and also several striking events recorded in the New Testament and the characters connected with the same. This work of preparation culminated last evening in the giving of the entertainment at the tabernacle in the presence of at least 1800 people.

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Is complete this time, consisting of

Silver Tea Sets,

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In Silver Goods, with Murreson Patent-lined Cases, our stock is unsurpassed. It consists of

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ADDITIONAL local news on second page.

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EVERYBODY look at Barber & Baker's deerskins.

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Ice cutting is being pushed with all the force of hands that can be obtained, and the harvest will be mostly gathered this week if the weather continues cool.

Blackmen, the place to buy slippers is at Barber & Baker's. dec 24-25

Remember the large stock of Organs and C. B. Prescott is selling so cheap.

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A HOUSE to rent on Cerro Gordo street, near Pratt's store. Enquire of E. B. Pratt, North Church st.

Nov. 23-dim

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The National Printing Co., of Chicago, are getting out the finest printing for the Hyers Sisters ever done at any office in this country. With their new opera bouffe "Tine" and a company of 16, including Billy Kerns, the great comedian, they are drawing the biggest houses of any troupe on the road. They are to be here January 10th.

FOUND On East Main street, a bunch of keys, which the owner can have by paying for this notice.

LOST.—Any one having found a white felt hat Christmas eve, and wishing to restore it to its owner, can do so by handing it to Dr. Bamstead.

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SPRINKLING MATCH.—The closing exercises in one of the primary departments at the high school building on Friday last, was a spirited spelling match, in which six of the "little folks" carried off the palm, namely: Charlie Watson, Lizzie Knapp, Nannie Ferris, Nellie Hubbard, Alice Judson and Ada Zimmerman.

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A CHRISTMAS MATINEE.—Last evening an Irishman and his wife, who live near the Central depot, celebrated Christmas with a regular family row, in which the wife had her head considerably bruised, from the effects of which she was obliged to take her bed. The police lodged the man in the calaboose, and we presume he will be taken before some justice this afternoon to answer for his misdoings.

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FURNACE.

CHRISTMAS 1878.

DECATUR DOINGS FROM FIRST TO LAST.

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Of the festivities of Christmas eve, day and night, we speak below as much at length as our columns will permit, giving them as nearly as may be in the order in which they occurred.

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A very quiet but happy social event occurred at 81 North Franklin street, at 8 o'clock Christmas eve, December 24th. Mr. James T. Saunders, of St. Louis, and Miss Alphae Wayne were united in marriage by Rev. S. MacBarney, of Stapp's Chapel. The attendants were Thomas W. Kennedy and Miss Lida Manchester, and Frank Boyd and Miss Ida Hamsher. The ceremony was witnessed by only the near friends of the family, who kissed the bride and groom, and extended those warm congratulations, which came with such easy grace and sincerity from the hearts of friends true and tried. Then followed a sumptuous wedding feast, which for elegance and toothsome, and variety, was unapproachable.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Fannie Wayne, and sister of Wayne Bros., the carriage manufacturers. The groom was for a period of five years cashier of the Wabash Railway Company at this place, and is now acting in the same capacity for the same company at St. Louis, Mo. During his sojourn here he made hosts of friends in all circles of society, who wish Mr. and Mrs. Saunders all the prosperity and substantial bliss allotted to mortals. The happy couple left for St. Louis on the early train Wednesday morning, where they will take up their residence.

The following is a partial list of the bridal presents:

Silver card and bouquet holder, from T. W. Kennedy; beautiful pair silver napkin rings, from Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Chenoweth; shawl pin, from Mrs. A. F. Jenkins; napkin ring and two silver mustard spoons, from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bramble; silver watch, from Mrs. Alice Bramble; sister of the bride; silver pickle canister, from Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Eiler; pretty bouquet receiver, from Misses Edith Hamsher and Lida Manchester; hand-some washstand, sink and fancy mirror, from John and Wm. Wayne, brothers of the bride; and a beautiful alarm clock from K. Harwood, agent of the Wabash.

GRAY-BURCH.

Mr. Henry S. Gray and Miss Clara F. Burch, both of this city, were united in marriage Christmas evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother on North Union street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Prestley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and was witnessed by the relatives and a small circle of the more intimate friends of the family.

The groom is a passenger conductor on the St. Louis Division of the Wabash, and is well known in this city, especially in railroad circles. The happy couple left for the west on the early train this morning on a brief bridal tour, and on their return will take up their residence in this city.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on North College street, at 9 p. m., Dec. 25th, 1878, by Rev. J. R. Locke, pastor of James Chapel, Mr. C. A. MINCKLEY and Miss MARY A. GOODRICH.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Goodrich, and the Captain will continue in the auction business just the same.

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